(a) whether they are aware of the havocs done by a storm or cyclone at Kuzhikkattucheri (near Chalakkudi) on the 2nd Thulam 1111;

(b) will the Government lay on the table, a statement showing the extent of the havocs done and the measures taken to relieve distress?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the Diwan Peishkar's report dated 3rd December 1935, D. 1910/1111 with copies of the enclosures is placed on the table. The grant of compensation to the distressed is engaging the attention of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Why is not this report printed as appendix as was the usual practice?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no invariable practice of printing every report.

Mr. President.—That depends upon the importance and the length of the document.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it very lengthy?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question itself was to place this report on the table.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Up till now the practice was to print it as appendix.

Mr. President.—That statement is questioned by the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Government mean to say that in cases of questions requiring the Government to place certain records on the table those papers never used to be printed in the answer book?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—So far as I am aware it was so.

Mr. President.—Papers placed on the table are not printed as appendices. That is the practice elsewhere.

Utilisation of Thirumulkazcha for irrigation and such other agricultural improvements.

185. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what amount is realised every year as "Thirumulkazcha" along with the land revenue assessment;

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(b) whether the amount collected as Thirumulkazcha is dealt with as a separate item in the accounts;

(c) whether there was any understanding or announcement by the Government at the time of survey and settlement that the amount realised as Thirumulkazcha would be specially earmarked for irrigation and such other agricultural improvements;

(d) if the answer for (c) is in the affirmative, whether the Government had done anything in accordance with the understanding;

(e) if in the negative, why have not the Government accepted and acted up to that policy;

(f) whether the Government would be pleased to set apart hereafter the amounts collected as Thirumulkazcha for such purposes and also to earmark an amount equal to the accumulated sum of the total Thirumulkazcha collected thus far, for agricultural improvement?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Rs. 53,001—1—3.

(b) Yes.

(c) No. In paragraph 23 of a Memorandum prepared by the Diwan of Cochin to accompany the draft Proclamation for the Land Revenue Settlement of the Cochin State, it is stated "that it is the intention of the Durbar to utilise this cess in meeting expenditure required for making useful local improvements, such as Village roads, sanitation," etc., and this is being done by appropriating sufficient grants from general revenues to Panchayats for such purposes.

(d) to (f). Do not arise in view of the answer to question (c).

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Is irrigation also included in this 'etc'?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—All that I can say is irrigation must also form part of it.

Chargeable incomes of Insurance Companies which have no Offices in the State.

186. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is true that for income-tax purposes the chargeable income of Insurance Companies which have no offices

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